

# SAFE HAVENS in South Dakota

Secure Places to Leave your Baby,  
No Questions Asked.

If for any reason you feel you cannot parent your child, there are safe places where you can leave your baby.

Safe places will take your baby with open arms, no questions asked. These secure places will make sure your baby receives the care and protection he or she deserves.



State law in South Dakota allows you to voluntarily leave your baby with a hospital or child placement agency if your child is **less than 60 days old**. Leaving your baby with one of these places is **not a crime** *as long as your child has not been harmed.*

**You can leave your baby with:**

hospitals or clinics  
law enforcement officers  
licensed child placement agencies  
the Department of Social Services  
emergency medical technicians  
firefighters

Contact the South Dakota  
**Department of Social Services**  
for more information:

**Address:** 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501

**Phone:** 605-773-3227 or toll free at  
1-866-442-2095

**Email:** [CPS@state.sd.us](mailto:CPS@state.sd.us)

**Web:** [www.dss.sd.gov](http://www.dss.sd.gov)

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